



First-of-Its-Kind Software Development Certification Exam Offered



After a rigorous three-year development process, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Computer Society will offer its new Certified Software Development Professional (CSDP) examination twice in 2002: April 15-June 30 and Oct. 5-26. The new CSDP credential is intended for mid-level professionals. The 3.5-hour examination covers topics such as software design, software requirements, and software testing. Candidates are required to have a baccalaureate or equivalent university degree and a minimum of 9,000 hours of experience in at least six of 11 knowledge areas. The CSDP is designed to elevate educational standards and recognize those who demonstrate knowledge essential to the practice of software engineering.

The certification examination is the first in a series to be

offered under the society's "Doing Software Right" initiative. The IEEE Computer Society developed the CSDP exam in conjunction with the Chauncey Group International, a leading certification test consultant and subsidiary of the Educational Testing Service. The exam will be offered at more than 300 testing centers in the United States and Canada, as well as in select cities in Brazil, China, Hungary, India, Ireland, Japan, and Russia.

The Computer Society has also published a new two-volume resource guide for the CSDP program, an updated and expanded version of the best-selling CS Press tutorial, *Software Engineering*. Further information about the CSDP examination and the CSDP preparation program is found at <<http://computer.org/certification>>.